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FOR AMBASSADOR DEPREE

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA PROPOSAL

REF: MAPUTO 1115

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES YOU SHOULD SEEK TO MEET WITH GOM
OFFICIALS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN FURTHER
THE BELIEF WE SHARE WITH BRITISH THAT A SC RESOLUTION ON
RHODESIA IS NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. RESOLUTION WOULD
BE LIMITED TO SC APPROVAL OF DESIGNATION BY SYG OF A
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REPRESENTATIVE TO JOIN BRITISH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER-
DESIGNATE (FIELD MARSHAL LORD CARVER) IN NEGOTIATIONS
WITH MILITARY FORCES COMMANDERS REGARDING
CERTAIN TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LAW AND ORDER. WE
HAVE NO INTENTION OF GOING ANY FURTHER THAN THAT AT THIS
TIME. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT SUCH RESOLUTION WOULD NOT
RPT NOT INVOLVE A COMMITMENT TO ANY OTHER FACET OF BRITISH

WHITE PAPER ON RHODESIA.

2. FOR ADDITIONAL TALKING POINTS YOU CAN DRAW ON PARAGRAPH 3C, D, AND E OF STATE 217724, AND ON STATE 215926.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL GOM OFFICIALS THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO CONSULT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR FREQUENT TRAVEL WE HAVE NOT HAD AS MUCH ACCESS TO THEM AS WE WOULD WISH. NEVERTHELESS, WE AND THE BRITISH OBTAINED THEIR VIEWS BEFORE THE WHITE PAPER WAS PUBLISHED, AND HAVE CONSULTED WITH THEM (ESPECIALLY NKOMO) SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST MONTH.

4. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF YOU COULD GET IN TOUCH WITH MUGABE AND CONVEY TO HIM THE POINTS COVERED BY PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE.

5. FOR LUSAKA: IF NKOMO IS IN TOWN, SUGGEST YOU SEE AND DO THE SAME.

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